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Please note that foreign reference JP 9-189321 A cited in the Japanese Office Action corresponds to US Patent 5,722,036 which is of record in the above-referenced application. Foreign reference JP 10-184655 A cited in the Japanese Office Action corresponds to US Patent 6,027,784 which is of record in this patent application.

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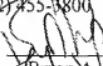
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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/MM/	1	JP	59-77118	A	1984-05-02	Deere & Co.		Abstract
/MM/	2	GB	2 133 329	A	1984-07-25	Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha		N/A
/MM/	3	JP	2-116016	U	1990-09-17	Suzuki Motor Co.		See IDS

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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